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CHATFIELD

HELPING THE CHOSEN VALLEY SHINE!

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Chatfield Community Television (CCTV) is a service of which the entire community can be proud.

Many people have expressed gratitude for the ability to watch sporting events that they would not be able to attend otherwise. Senior citizens, in particular, appreciate being able to keep up-to-date with the activities of the young people in the community. Similarly, the students and others who participate in these events enjoy the ability to watch their own performances and tapes of the events make for great keepsakes.

In addition to the sporting events that are produced, concerts, awards banquets and other events, like the Junior / Senior Prom and the CVHS Graduation ceremony are taped for later

broadcast. Many civic events are covered, too, such as Western Days, the Memorial Day ceremonies and so forth, all of which add to the enjoyment of the viewing audience.

Programs such as "Talk of the Town," "Lunch with the Mayor" and "Super 227" provide newsworthy local information. At the same time, regular coverage of the local school board and city council meetings, along with an occasional "Candidate Forum," helps residents keep up with local governmental affairs.

In August, CCTV began sending many of its sports programs throughout the Mediacom network, to 31 other cities in the area. Many programs are shared with Charter Cable Television in Rochester, too, which serves six more cities. An occasional program goes to the Hiawatha Broadband network, in Winona, which adds four more cities to the mix. In all, close to 100,000 people have the ability to watch Chatfield events and to see the credit given to the many fine sponsors who support CCTV.

The regional broadcasting of Chatfield events is creating an extremely high profile for the community. People throughout southeast Minnesota and northern Iowa regularly watch Chatfield events. Viewers see our young people competing and they see references to many local businesses. The consistent broadcasting of these events can only assist in raising the profile of the community and helps develop an even more favorable impression of the community among viewers. At the same time, efforts are being made to enlist other communities to contribute programming. The opportunity to view other area high school events will only increase the choices and enjoyment of local viewers.

The credit for the success of CCTV goes to the volunteers, the Chatfield City Council, the Chatfield School Board, Mediacom and to Craig Manahan, CCTV Administrator.

It is interesting to note that, to produce one basketball game, it takes approximately 17 hours of volunteer time and six or seven volunteers to help out. To produce the 80+ sporting events and the many concerts, public meetings, and such, each year, over 1,500 volunteer hours are donated every year by the volunteer camera operators, announcers and directors. Contact Craig Manahan at 529-0471 if interested in joining the crew.

- For CCTV info. on the web, go to www.ci.chatfield.mn.us and click on "CCTV."
- For more CCTV info., go to www.chatfieldpublicschools.net click on "Extracurricular Activities," then click on "CCTV."

The funding for Chatfield's cable television service comes in a variety of forms. In addition to the valuable volunteer time,

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cash is generated by the franchise fees that are paid by Mediacom subscribers, sponsorships are paid by area businesses and a contribution is made by the Chatfield School District. Space and other facilities are also provided by the School District, the City of Chatfield and Mediacom.

CCTV is a bright star that demonstrates what can be achieved when various parties join together in an effective collaboration. Stay tuned to CCTV, Channel 11!!! Great things are happening!

OBEY AND SIGNS!!!

The Police Department has received increased complaints about drivers who do not obey "Stop" and "Yield" signs in town.

We want to remind drivers that a "Stop" sign requires the vehicle to come to a complete stop at the marked stop sign or marked line before moving into the crosswalk or intersection. A complete stop is defined as "the cessation from movement."

"Yield" signs require the driver to slow to a speed that is reasonable and to yield the right of way to any pedestrian or vehicle crossing the roadway.

Remember, at 30 mph, it will take approximately 74 feet to stop your car on dry pavement. Since the typical intersection is less than 44 feet across, failure to obey stop and yield signs can be quite dangerous. In fact, there have been several accidents, recently, which would not have occurred if the driver would have obeyed the stop sign.

For your safety, and the safety of others, obey "Stop" and "Yield" signs.

EXPERIENCE THE CHOSEN VALLEY 2006 CHATFIELD EXPO

*Saturday April 15, 2006
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Chosen Valley High School Gymnasium*



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for more information

Come to Chatfield and "Experience the Chosen Valley"
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MARCH 2006

- Mon Mar 6th— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Mar 13th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Mar 20th— Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Thu Mar 23rd— Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm
- Mon Mar 27th— City Council @ 7:00 pm

APRIL 2006

- Mon Apr 3rd— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Apr 10th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Apr 17th— Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Mon Apr 24th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Apr 27th— Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

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